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THE NEW YORK STATE ELECTION

Recent expressions by Senator Warner Miller show that the republicans of New York, whose sentiments and in whose name he speaks, propose to stand during the coming state campaign upon high republican ground. The party in New York will continue its progressive policy and under no circumstances will it fall into the negative course so long the practice of its opponents. The democratic managers are trying to pitch the contest upon local matters and to exclude national issues, but they will be forced to meet the questions of maintenance of the national banking system, protection of American labor, stoppage of silver coinage and civil service reform. All these will be made prominent by the republican leaders and the democrats will not be allowed to dodge them. The reasons for making the contest on national issues are many. The whole country is eagerly looking to New York for a verdict on the present administration and for an expression upon national affairs. This, with the fact that the result will largely determine the choice of United States senator and that the governor to be chosen will remain in office till after the next presidential contest, make the election this year a matter of national importance.

The local issues, however, are important. There will be a proposition on the part of the republicans to stop work on the state capital at Albany and to devote the money now spent there ($1,000,000 annually) to enlargement of canal locks. Both parties will agree as to the propriety of asking the national government to bear two-thirds of the cost of maintaining the Erie canal. Both parties agree that there is need of some change in the constitution fixing a limit to the time for the introduction of bills in the legislature and other necessary changes. The methods of levying taxes are yet unsatisfactory and municipal reforms are urgently necessary. Owing to the course of the democrats in the legislature and of Governor Cleveland vetoing the commission bill last year, the prison labor question is still unsettled. That will also be more or less of an issue. On these and other questions there will be party division, though the precise lines have not yet been arranged. Senator Miller does well in urging the party to take advanced grounds. The party, he says, is united and all things point to candidates who will in every way command the respect of the people, and he adds "If this is done success is assured."

On the result of this contest, depends the entire state government, in both its administrative and legislative branches, including the superintendent of public works, the superintendent of prisons, health officer, railroad commissioners, and various other officials appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate.

HARD UP FOR CAMPAIGN MATERIAL

Ex Secretary Chandler's letter to Secretary Whitney is proper and timely, though it was hardly needed as an exposure and dissection of the purposes of the latter to make campaign capital out of the Dolphin affair. It has, indeed, been apparent from the first that Whitney was actuated by a mere spirit of partisanship. The Dolphin has fully answered all the tests required of her, though Whitney has evidently hoped she would fail. Indeed he shows his deep disappointment and chagrin that she has not failed. Whitney has no motive for malevolence against Roach, the builder of the Dolphin. He simply wants to cast a slur on the management of his predecessors, for partisan purposes. While he is about it he might run his inquiries back to the condition in which the navy, as well as the other departments of the public service were left by the last democratic administration.

All of the secretary's writings about the Dolphin have been political or partisan documents. He has worked the matter and continues to work it for the purpose of getting stuff for his party to talk about during the political contests of this year. Nothing could be more despicable than these dishonest partisan expedients on the part of a high public official, especially since it has been demonstrated through the repeated tests prescribed by himself that the vessel fulfills every possible requirement.

It is plain enough that the democratic managers are painfully in need of something to go before the public with this year. Their loud talk last fall about the vast treasury surplus becomes very ridiculous in view of their own administration of the financial department. They have found all branches of government in excellent running order, and have dared do nothing else than try to continue republican methods and policies. All their vaunted promises of startling exposure if they should once 'turn the rascals out,' and "see the books, have been shown to be stupid buncombe.

But if they want to find a rich lead, just let them go back with their investigations to the condition in which they left things when they last had the government. There lies a bonanza, the like of which never was explored by any democratic administration.

Hon. John F Swift, a prominent republican of California and one of the commissioners on the part of the United States who made our present treaty with China, has published an open letter challenging Judge W T Wallace to maintain his statement that Chinese immigration can be restricted by treaty, when the present restriction act expires, and that it is unwise to invoke new and further congressional action in the form of restrictive legislation. Mr Swift discusses the matter at length demonstrating by physical and legal proofs the utter futility of treaty conventions as a remedy for the Chinese evil. It has been the claim of the democrats of California always, that the accession of their party to national authority would be the end of the Chinese question, but there seems to be a difference between the promise and the performance. The republican party recognized (somewhat tardily it must be admitted) the evil of Chinese immigration, and provided efficient restriction laws. These are now in force and must remain so for six years to come but already the democratic leaders are urging that restriction end with the expiration of the present law. How does this tally with the party professions?

To the statement made by Mr W H Adams in defense of the action of the council on the Morey proposition, no reply is necessary. What he says is quite to be expected from him. But no statement he may make will alter the fact that the owners of the property if they do not want their property burdened with the heavy debt which this scheme would impose upon it. Nor do the people think that the ordinance was passed in the most manner and upon proper consideration of matters. To them it has all the look of a boodle job, and will put through according to an agreement. No two any well informed person believe that it will contribute in any way to the reduction of water rates. On the contrary, it will undoubtedly delay the reduction that result being secured through other means. It seems in every particular the look of a job and to propose a tax which, when all the facts are known, will be found to be unjust burdens of the city, want for ownership and the vitality out of it.

Mayor Rafferty of East Portland, in entering upon his official duties, makes to his constituents a plain and not altogether pleasant statement of affairs. The city, it appears, is in debt to the amount of $32,000 or more and is in the way of still further liability through pending litigation. Considering the population and resources of East Portland, this is little short of monstrous. A share of the debt has been contracted in providing for protection against fire but it grew largely out of extravagance in managing the city affairs. Mayor Rafferty's suggestions of retrenchment are timely and wholesome and ought to be adopted.

An offensive partisan is a republican in office, or a man who did not vote the democratic ticket.

STATESMEN AS NOVEL WRITERS.

It is announced that Mr Endicott, secretary of war under President Cleveland, is writing a novel. He is a man of some ability and of good literary culture, and his social, political and other experiences may have suggested to him a theme, a plot, incidents and characters for a fine work of fiction founded on fact. No novel is entirely fictitious. In every work of the great novel writers incidents, scenes and prominent characters outlined in their works, hints have been derived from nature, from life and from circumstances, which are reproduced with greater or less fidelity to truth in its pages. Mr Endicott has seen and heard enough, in a varied and busy life to furnish him the required inspiration. That he is a statesman in a cabinet officer is no reason why he should not write a novel (greater statesmen than he and cabinet officers of the highest rank, in one of the most powerful governments in the world, have written novels), and that novels are among the best in existence.

Neither is Mr Endicott the only death-guided American who has turned novel writer. Dr William Hammond, who stands at the head of medical scientists on the American continent, and whose profession, it may have been supposed would engage all the faculties of his mind and occupy all his time, has written two very superior novels—"Lal" and "Dr Grattan," and another called "Mr Oldmixon" has just been announced as about to issue from the press. Admiral Porter has published a novel, but not much can be said in its favor, and it appears to have fallen flat from the press. The name of George Bancroft may be mentioned in this connection. He is a statesman, has been a cabinet minister, and has represented the United States government at some of the great capitals of Europe. He has not written a novel, but he has written a history as fascinating as a novel, and some of its pages are not will out indications of the vigor of his imagination in dealing with the facts of national existence.

Among the best novels of the present day are those of the earl of Beaconsfield—who ought, however, in literary discussion, never to be spoken of except as Disraeli. The power of some of his fictitious characters, the excellence of a portion of his plots, the dramatic force of his incidents, the brilliancy of his wit and the aptness of his philosophy, as found in his best works, give him a title to fame as valid as his great triumphs in politics and statesmanship. Lord Lytton, another of the great English novelists, also ranked high as a statesman and diplomatist. Gladstone has not written fiction but he has dabbled in criticism, translations and other literary work not of a higher grade than fiction, and not as high as first class fiction.

From these instances it is plainly to be seen that Mr Endicott is not traveling an untrodden path way in the literary field where he is a welcome intruder. The most statesmen, politicians and publicists of the present and of recent times have a right to win renown as writers of fiction, and while "I, too," shall continue to be read, no statesman need think that he has lowered his dignity or stooped to an unworthy calling if he steps aside from the affairs of office and of the state to invent and describe fictitious scenes of love, romance, adventure and peril.

There is something rather pleasant, if not reflections in the thought of a gray haired statesman leaving the exacting cares of office and unbending from his dignities to write descriptions of lovers' interviews, of the progress of courtships, of social incidents of village or country and inland, of the encounters of love once with cruel, of "the law's delay" out of hope left out, of the final triumph of poetical justice in the reward of virtue and the punishment of vice, which constitute the staple materials of which all fiction good and bad and indifferent, is made. It is delightful to find a heart in which the sunlight has not been dimmed and from which the romance has not been driven by the hard facts and years of a long journey over the rough ways of the world by familiarity with evil and its frauds, by contact with the coarseness, the vanity, the selfishness, the greed and the malignity of politicians, and by acknowledge of the hollow arts and false creeds of which society as, on a great extent composed. The man who keeps through the lapse of years his heart green and his sensibilities fresh with the impulses of youth, and who can live over again in fancy all that there is sweet and ravishing in existence, has a possession which cannot be valued as a price, and is beneath the crowns his days. The dearest and most lovely flowers is that which blooms beside the glacier, and in the verge of the snowy avalanche. Bright, youthful and loving thoughts, which the frost of years has not killed, and which do not wither under the Arctic blasts and Alpine snows of age, are double attractive, and they have a charm like that of exotic plants under distant skies and of summer blossoms which render fragrant the winter air. He who, standing on an eminence of thought and experience which he has wearily but cheerfully climbed, can produce in story or in song fresh pictures of life and love is a benefactor. He shows us how to live, and how to make the most of life throughout all its lingering years to the last. This is the mission of fiction and the poet.

TO SAVE CHILDREN

The necessity of doing something to resist the tendency to vice and crime of unfortunate children who have no proper parental or other guidance has often been considered here, but as yet organized effort has not taken practical form. For a long time an industrial or reform school was thought of, but after careful examination of like institutions in several places this idea was abandoned. It is now believed that such schools tend to give good results. They are in some sort penal institutions and the evil associations that attend the assembling of numbers in jails and penitentiaries to some extent attach also to the industrial school. More successful is the endeavor to take children out of the ways of vice and crime through the agency of societies formed for active operation in the field of practical effort, supported by authority of law, and not restricted in dealing with children to the fixed rules and methods of penal institutions. The idea simply is to take charge of the child under authority of law to have a home to which he may be taken and where he may be kept till a fit place be found for him to exercise a vigilant supervision over all children under the watchful of the state, whether in the home or out of it, and, in a word, to bring about all children influences that will reclaim them by natural means, instead of depending on punitory enactments, enforced as all such must be under conditions that transform young offenders into hardened criminals. What is wanted is to awaken the moral nature, not to blunt or sear it. Few children are the children that appear to be going to the bad who cannot be set right and put in the way of keeping right if judicious measures be adopted and employed in time.

During the late winter passed a law designed as a basis for the formation of such societies here. This act empowers such organizations to take charge of young persons arrested or convicted of misdemeanor or crime, and in their courts suspend proceedings in such cases pending the effort to reclaim the offender. Details of method are left to the discretion of the society or [illegible]. A similar institution in Baltimore, known as the Fresh Air Mission, is managed by Mr Edward Hooley, a man well qualified for the purpose of explaining its methods, so that persons may have the benefit of experience gained in San Francisco for starting an institution here. He will speak at the council chamber this evening. The subject is one that should arrest the attention of every one who has a heart to feel for children who have started upon evil ways with the worst of their own. For there is hardly a case of youthful depravity which may not be traced to some form of parental delinquency. Seldom indeed, is the moral nature wanting in a child who has had any kind of opportunities of proper home life. The young fall into immoral, vicious and criminal ways chiefly because parents do not do their duty. Here is a proper field for the interposition of the highest philanthropy. Who that has witnessed the frequent spectacle of young boys in our courts and jails does not see the need of it here.

POLITICAL EXPRESSIONS.

Boston *Post*. It seems to be one of the main, with [illegible] ideas that it will never do to speak well of two democrats at a time.

Minneapolis *Tribune*. One trouble with Thomas F Bayard is that he is not sufficiently post [illegible] the political career of his excellent grandfather.

Philadelphia *Press*. Governor Hoadly says the democratic secretary Ohio [illegible] is [illegible] thing. That is the governor in Cincinnati [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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